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Poetry.

A WIFE.

The wife sat thoughtfully turning over

A book inscribed with the school-girl's

A tear—one tear—fell hot on the cover

She quickly closed when her husband

He came, and he went away—it was not

With cold calm words upon either side—

But, just at the sound of the room-door

A dreadful door in her soul stood wide.

Love, she had read of in sweet romances,

Love that had made her look in her soul, full

Built her own palace of noble fancies,

All the wide world a fairy tale.

Black and bitter, and utterly doleful,

Spreads to this woman her map of life—

Hour after hour she looks in her soul, full

Of deep dismay and turbulent strife.

Face in both hands, she knelt on the carpet;

The black cloud loomed, the storm-rain

Oh! life has so much in it wilder and wiser,

One poor heart's day what poet could

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Wild Animals of Maine—No. 3

—BY J. G. RICH.

The Moose.

(Continued.)

The female goes with young a little

over eight months, and have from one

to two at a time, but more frequently

two. They bring forth their young

during the first two weeks of May.

The calves are very docile and may

be easily approached in a canoe, while

swimming in the water.

I caught one in a bear trap in 1853,

in the month of August, near the

shores of the Richardson Lake.

He being between three and four

months old. I twisted some withes

and tied his legs together and took

him from the trap, and made him

cater to my boat some forty or fifty

rods distant. He then laid down and

stuck his nose in the water and drank

very heartily. I then lifted him into

the boat, and with his legs more

tightly together and rowed him up to

my landing, about two miles. I then

lived at the Richardson Farm on that

lake—I then unwinded him entirely

and put one around his neck and led

him up to the barn. When we got

into the "penning," and up a little

knoll, so that we had a full view of

the building and cows, he stopped

and would not move, and the cattle

all around him, stood staring him

at a little distance, and gazing

at him in great amazement, and the

moose would not budge an inch. So

I halted to my wife and she came out

and with a large brush succeeded in

starting him into the barn. I kept

him on corn stalks about a week and

then sold him to a party of sports-

men from Portland, who I think made

a rifle shot of him, and dressed him

and carried him home. This moose

was very nearly as tall as myself, I

would always jump at me when I

went to feed him, but was careful not

to hit me, and immediately drew back

for another jump, but when he found

I did not care for him and stood my

ground, he became calm.

I have helped take two or three

yearling moose, at different times in

our woods. At one time the Stone

boys came down to the farm and wait-

ed me to go help get one out of the

woods. I soon picked up and start-

ed, and found one penned up in a log

yard, some sixteen miles north of

Richardson's Farm. We took him

and tied him up in a large moose-

hide and took two poles and four of

us started with him on our shoulders,

but we soon found we could not car-

ry him. We then tied him on a sled

and hauled him out.

Some Indians one time, came down

through the lakes, with a calf moose

which they had captured; they had

him in a spruce canoe. They camped

a few days on an Island in the Moose-

magantic Lake, and we visited them

there. They were roasting a hedge-

hog in the fire with quills on end and

trails in. We saw the young Indians

dispose of the entrails after being

roasted and they appeared to relish

this exceedingly. This calf moose

was completely under the control of

its Indian master, and would step in-

to their frail bark canoe and lie down

at the word of command. They took

him to Beaver Brook, at the head of

Richardson lake, and one night led

him up the brook into the meadow

and tied him, and went a little dis-

tance away and watched, and in a few

hours had the satisfaction to see a

large moose come up the brook and

stop near this calf. They shot and

dressed this moose on the spot, and

I did not hear and caught a large

moose by the remains of him. The

Indians then followed the lakes and

the river to Errol, N. H., where they

disposed of their canoe and took the

road to Canada.

When I came to these lakes four-

teen years ago moose were very plenti-

ful in these parts, and we frequently

saw them swimming the lakes in the

summer and fall, and often fell in with

them while hunting sable on the hills

and could almost any time go out in

the winter and camp one night and

kill one or more of them. I used to

salt them up in barrels and smoke and

dry the steaks and seldom if ever was

we out of moose meat. They have

now quite left these lakes and we have

to go up the large rivers many miles

into the wilderness to find them. The

works damming up the rivers for lum-

bering purposes and blasting rocks

and chopping away the forest has

frightened the moose from these parts.

I have killed between fifty and

sixty moose, partly alone, and partly

in company with others. I once caught

one in a bear trap set with bait in a

bough house. He probably went along

to smell of the bait and blundered in

to the trap. When I went to tend

the trap I thought I had a bear, but

imagined my surprise when, on follow-

ing the trail a short distance I saw

the alders in every direction peaked

white, and many places when the moose

had brought up a head and raked the

hair from his sides in places. I fol-

lowed on up the trail out of the

wamp, and came up with him

about one half mile from my boat.

I thought I would drive him down to

the water before I shot him, and went

up above him and came down upon

the ten towards him making a great

noise—he started a few rods and stop-

ped and I could not start him again.

So I thought if I must shoot him

there I would shoot him through the

head as hunters would laugh at me if

I shot his body while in a trap. So

to shoot his head I had to go up with

within one rod of him as the bushes

hid his head from view. I therefore

walked deliberately toward him, and

was within about two rods of him

he started on a trot away. I ran down

to where he started and imagine my

surprise and chagrin at finding the trap

lying there and the moose free. I

had any chance I wished to

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FRIDAY MORNING, FEB. 10, 1860.

THE GEOLOGY OF MAINE.

One of the most erroneous yet prevalent opinions in regard to the geology of Maine, is the extent of its primary rocks. Instead of being nearly all covered with granite rocks, the reverse is true. Probably one-half of the territory of this State belongs to the formations above the primary series. Not only is this true, but much of the granite itself belongs to the later formations of that rock.

The fact that the south western portions of the State were first settled on the primary formations has given rise to this wrong impression. Granite rocks, and a granite soil first meet the eye of the traveller as he enters the State from the south and west, but it is only by travelling over its northern and eastern portions that he finds his views essentially changed.

We were reminded of these facts among others, while visiting the new Bleachery at Lewiston a few days since. We were surprised at finding blocks of solid limestone used in making the wall around the waterwheel. We were informed by the overseer that it was quarried out of the hill a short distance from the mill, but we had no time to visit the quarry as we intended.

NOTICE. There will be a Temperance Meeting in the Universalist Meeting House on Bethel Hill, on Friday, Feb. 17th. There will be exercises in the afternoon, commencing at 2 o'clock, and also at half past 6.

It is hoped that there will be a general gathering of all the people who feel an interest in the peace and moral prosperity of our community.

Providence permitting, Revs. Thompson, Wheelwright, Wheeler, Day, Beavins, Davies, Turner, and Garland, will be present and render assistance in the services.

It is expected, that the meeting will be enlivened by excellent music.

Per Order.

THE Winter Term of Gould's Academy closes this week. We have been particularly gratified at the result which has characterized most of the classes during the term. Those in Latin, Greek, English Grammar, Arithmetic and Geometry, have done great credit to themselves. We always love to see such instances of determined effort, because we do know that such scholars will sooner or later be the leaders in society wherever they may be situated. We have no faculty of showing progress when students are irregular in attendance, or when we cannot rouse their ambition. Our readers will notice the advertisement in another column for the Spring Term. We anticipate a session of more than ordinary interest.

WE ought to call the attention of our readers, though perhaps unnecessary, to the "Sketches by the Way," by DELTA. He has the rare faculty of seeing everything and then relating it to others. His description of Girard College in our last week's issue gives us a better idea of that institution than anything we have ever seen. We expect a series of articles from his ready pen on another subject as soon as he closes up the present.

OUR readers will distinguish between our own articles and those of the Publisher. As we may not always endorse everything he may have to say, his productions will be designated by a "P" for a signature.

BEILARD'S Panorama of New York City was exhibited Wednesday Evening in this village. It is a work of great labor and gives a person a very good idea of that city without the expense of travelling to see it. We would advise the parents of a certain number of boys and girls, to see that they are carefully put away between two warm bed blankets at night until they are old enough to keep quiet at a public performance. It is not creditable to them or this community, to make so much disturbance at public appearances.

For the Courier.

Sketches by the Way—No 9.

Ms. Editor.—According to our arrangement, when we came from Philadelphia last evening, we will today visit the "Central Park." As the Park is about seven miles from the Astor House, we will take passage in one of the Third Avenue Horse cars, and go out through the Bowery. This a very comfortable way of travelling through the paved, rough streets. People in many nations, have quite a taste for pleasure grounds. There are some large and very beautiful Parks on the Eastern Continent. There are in and about London, the elegant Park of St. James, the Green Park the Hyde Park and the Kensington Gardens. There is the Phoenix Park in Dublin, which contains two thousand acres. There are the gardens of Versailles which contain three thousand acres. The Bois de Boulogne near Paris embraces two thousand acres. The fine Prater at Vienna contains one thousand and five hundred acres. We have now reached the terminus of our ride. You perceive that the pleasure grounds are thickly inhabited with visitors. Fine scenes are spread out before us. There was no movement made for a Park in this city till the year eighteen hundred and fifty-one. Public attention was attracted to this object of taste and pleasure in that year by Mr. A. J. Downing. On the seventeenth of Nov. eighteen hundred and fifty-three, the Supreme Court appointed five men as Commissioners to select and take certain lands for a Park and estimate damages. They named the territory taking "The Central Park." The tract of land taken comprises seven hundred and seventy-three acres. The amount of money paid for it was five millions four hundred and sixty-nine dollars. It is about two and a half miles long and a half a mile wide. The surface of the ground originally was exceedingly rough, very stony and abounded in upheavals of ledge of the gneiss quality. But great labors have been required to remodel the surface of the grounds, to bring order out of chaos, and beauty out of deformity. The lowest point in the park is only nine feet above tide and the highest point is one hundred and thirty-five feet above tide. In eight hundred and fifty-seven a board of Commissioners consisting of eleven persons was appointed to lay out the grounds in order and to improve them as fast as possible. They were to continue in office five years and were to expend a sum of money annually not exceeding one million six hundred and sixty-six thousand six hundred and sixty-six dollars and sixty-six cents.

Since June eighteen hundred and fifty-eight, there have been employed well nigh, constantly in favorable weather twenty-five hundred men and four hundred horses. The Commissioners have regular hours of each day for blasting rocks. These human earthquakes are made at 8 o'clock, A. M., 12 M. and 3 1/2 P. M. About forty kegs of powder are used daily in this extensive cannonading. As visitors are constantly rambling over the grounds of the park, great precaution is necessary. At the signal for blasting, four flags must be displayed at different points. The flags must be so situated that each can see the one next him on each side and also all the ground between them and between himself and the pits. The Foreman must be sure that the flags are placed in this manner. After seeing that each is at his proper station he is to stand at the pit and observe for himself if the ground is clear in every direction. He then utters the words to the flagmen in a distinct voice "All Clear." Each of the flagmen reply in turn "all clear, sir." The foreman having heard this answer from each of the flagmen gives the order to fire. After the blast the foreman returns to the pit to see if all is safe. If so he gives the word, "all over," which is distinctly repeated by

the flagmen.

The varied designs in the different parts of this park are elegant in structure and fine in execution. It does not contain in itself every attainable element of rural or rare-artificial beauty. Broad lawns and ornamental water; plain and hill-side; trees and shrubbery; terraces and fountains—yes, everything that a liberal expenditure can compass, to place the attractions of the most luxuriant country seat within the reach of all classes of the city population. You see, sir, that beautiful tract of land between the reservoir and the large lake. There are about forty acres which are now mostly completed. There are the fine gravelled carriage roads and the foot paths. There are also the ornamental shrubbery and the rich lawns. This location is very appropriately called the Ramble.

It is exceedingly pleasant to wander amid these works of art, and observe the fruits of skill and perseverance. Ere we leave these delightful scenes we will visit the works on the new reservoir. Here are gigantic operations presented before us. As far as you can see you may see workmen at their toil in every direction. Hoes and shovels, pick-axes and iron bars, sledges, hammers and drills, trowels and cement, are in constant use. We are told that this reservoir is to contain about one hundred acres. There are rising one thousand men now at work upon this great pit. This park will not be seen in its greatest glory during the present generation. It will require the lapse of forty years to bring all its varied features to a fine state of perfection. As the time of our visit to this romantic place has expired we must return to the city, and here terminate our excursion.

DELTA.

For the Courier.

YOUTHFUL INFATUATION.

How many and examples of this fearful state of mind the history of the world affords. A sort of insanity seems to possess the judgment and reason of many under various circumstances of an exciting character.

A fond mother had long watched and prayed over her wayward son, whose heart was bent towards sin and folly. Death had been in the place and a funeral procession was soon to pass where that son was preparing for a party or ball; his mother expostulated but to no effect; at length as she tied on his handkerchief she said, "My son, I believe you would go; if you were sure you would not live a week," he rashly replied; "I certainly would." God took him at his word. In less than a week he was dead, and in just a week his friends tied a handkerchief about his neck as a part of his grave clothes. While he was sick he was much concerned for his soul, but felt that his day of grace was gone, and warned all who came to see him, to shun his example. Thus a careless life, led to a fearful death and dreadful eternity.

Young lady, mark the following:

One of your class, who had become passionately attached to the Ball-room, was awakened to a sense of her folly under the preaching of a powerful sermon, its solemn truths pressed heavily upon her heart, and aroused her slumbering conscience. She was almost persuaded to forsake her sin. But another Ball drew near, and she could hardly command courage to go or to stay away. Eternal things engaged her thoughts, the day before the ball, the great question to be decided was, "Shall I obey the spirit of God, or not?" She began to yield to the tempter and at length threw herself upon the sofa saying, "I'll go to this ball if I never live to go to another." Oh, foolish and wicked! God sent the monster, death, to summon her to his bar. Before she got ready for the ball fearful sickness seized her, and her father, carried her to her dying bed. The skill of the physician was both baffled and confounded, and before the ball broke up, her ruined spirit found its gloomy way to the eternal world.

Young friend, "Be not deceived!

God is not mocked, whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap." "He that being often reproved hardeneth his neck, shall suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy." "Prepare to meet thy God." E. DAVIES. Bethel, Feb. 1860.

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ANDOVER, Jan. 25th, 1859.

DEAR CORRESPONDENT.—We were highly pleased in attending a concert given last evening by the school in this place, under the charge of J. L. Ripley, of Bethel. The concert was attended by a very large audience, and everything passed off to the entire satisfaction of all parties. The singing was the best we have listened to for a long time, and does great credit to Mr. Ripley, showing the excellent training which his class has had during the present term.

We must speak of one fine quartette which was sung by Mr. Ripley and three others, called "The Rover's Grave." It was sung with beautiful expression. We understand that Mr. R. will be engaged for another term. He is a very gentlemanly person, and worthy of much patronage. We wish him much success. A SPECTATOR.

ACCIDENT FROM BURNING FLUID.

Moses Patten Esq., and his wife, of this village narrowly escaped a most serious accident a few days since. While she was engaged in lighting an oil lamp of the gas order of construction, the fluid caught fire and communicated to the can filled with the same. She immediately dropped it when the fluid was spilled on the floor and inflamed. Mr. Patten immediately caught the can and covered with flames while it was so full as to prevent explosion and ran through three rooms leaving a trail of burning fluid in each room till he reached the door. His right hand is badly burned. Mrs. Patten narrowly escaped being burned in her efforts to extinguish the flames. We hope this accident will help drive the dangerous article from our midst, and introduce the cheaper and safer article of kerosene.

Mr. Ambrose Lamson, of Rockland, Me., killed a pig on the 1st of December which weighed 513 lbs. The pig was nine months old when killed. Pretty good pig that. He wishes to know if any of the "Old Boys" in Oxford County can beat him.

Mr. J. B. Hammons's team on Range 5, hauled into the Magalloway river, last week, a pine log one hundred feet in length and measuring fourteen inches in diameter at the top. The estimated value is \$75.00.

As a party were sliding down Mill Hill this week they ran into a pile of sleepers by the road, and injured two or three considerably. Young people should be careful how they slide down a hill so steep as that, especially when teams are constantly passing.

We are glad to learn that a plaster mill has been started so near us as West Paris. See advertisement in another column.

The Antiquarian Supper at Paris last week must have been a grand affair according to the Oxford Democrat. We always enjoy such suppers. If anybody can furnish a more desirable dish than hulled corn and milk, let us know.

February is the month when neighborhood quarrels usually have their origin. People that have nothing to do feel blue, and think that everybody is against them. Slenderers, tattlers, and busybodies, can do more mischief in this month than during all other months in the year. Even the well-to-do remark is more liable to be misinterpreted than at any other time, and if a minister should unadvisedly touch upon anything having in any degree a personal bearing he is quite likely to be dismissed from his charge. It is a month filled up with tinder boxes and gunpowder.

The past month has been remarkably pleasant.

A CALIFORNIA TRIAL FOR MURDER.

A fellow named Dooks, was lately tried at Yuba City, for entering a miner's tent, and stealing a bag of gold dust, valued at eighty-four dollars. The testimony showed that he had been employed there, and knew exactly where Bill Patten slept, and where he kept his dust; that on the night of Oct. 19th, he cut a slit in the tent, rushed in, took the bag, and then ran away.

Jim Butler, the principal witness, testified that he saw the hole cut—saw the man reach in—and heard him run away. "I put for him at once," continued the witness, "but when I caught him, I didn't find Bill's bag; but it was found afterwards where he threw it."

Council for prisoner—"How far did he get in when he took the dust?"

Butler—"Well, he was a stooping over—about half in, I shall say." Council—"May it please your Honor, the indictment isn't sustained, and I shall demand an acquittal under direction of the Court. The prisoner is on his trial for entering a dwelling in the night time, with intent to steal. The testimony is clear that he made an opening through which he protruded himself about half way, and stretching out his hand, committed the theft. The indictment charges that he actually entered a tent, or dwelling. Now your Honor, can a man be said to enter a house when only half of his body is in, and the other half out?"

Judge—"I shall leave the whole matter to the jury. They must judge of the law and of the fact as provided."

The jury brought in a verdict of "guilty" as to the one half of his body from the waist up, and "not" as to the other half. The Judge sentenced the guilty half to two years imprisonment, leaving it to the prisoner's option to have the "not guilty" half taken off, or take it along with him.

At a recent meeting of the Boston Society of Natural History, a discussion took place in regard to the meteor of last August. It was stated that the noise of its explosion was heard over an area of 2,000 square miles, and that the meteor was seen over an area of 6,000 square miles. A single fragment only of the meteor is positively known to have fallen, and this was in Hebeburn, about ten miles west of Albany. The piece, picked up soon after it fell, was quite warm, and had a considerable sulphurous odor. It was irregularly shaped, and about the size of a pigeon's egg. Three-fourths of its surface was covered with a black, non-lustrous, evidently fused crust, the remainder presenting the appearance of a fresh fracture, of a light gray color, and a granular, semi-crystalline texture.

ARRIVAL OF THE FIRST TRAIN. S. O. Reynolds from Bethel Hill, eleven days out, with a family of ten, nicely stowed into a camp on runners, in which was a box stove, and everything as comfortable as need be, arrived here last night. He has taken up a farm on Eaton Grant, so called, a few miles north of this town, and has a house already to occupy. —Aroostook Pioneer.

WASHINGTON, February 7. Gen. Whitney has been nominated as Collector of Boston, and will be confirmed by the Senate. Commissioner Bishop has refused to grant an extension to Bigelow's Carpet Loom Patent.

PERLEY.

NEW HAVEN, Feb. 7. Judge Charles O. Ingersoll, of the United States District Court, was living at nine o'clock this evening, but was in a dying condition. His disease is supposed to be rheumatism of the stomach.

ARREST. On Friday night last, J. T. Severy, Deputy Sheriff from Oxford County arrested Phineas Brown, Jr., and J. R. Brown, brothers, on a warrant for stealing harness in Oxford and Franklin counties in September last. He left here with the prisoners Saturday afternoon to give them a trial in Dixfield.

IT is said that the New York, Philadelphia and Baltimore lines of railway are becoming disturbed at the large amount of business done on the Grand Trunk. The latter road is drawing from their revenues.

A two-story wooden tenement owned by John M. Wood, Portland, was destroyed by fire on Monday night. It was occupied by six families.

Rev. N. M. Wood has accepted the call to the pastorate of the Church in Lewiston, and has already commenced his labors there.

NEW PUBLICATION.

THE ENTERPRISING PUBLISHERS, G. G. EVANS & CO., NOS. 43 & 45 CORNHILL, BOSTON, have just added to their extensive list, the following new book: **THE DOOMED CHIEF; OR, TWO HUNDRED YEARS AGO;** by the author of "Green Mountain Boys," &c., &c., in one 12mo. vol., handsomely bound. Price 61¢.

We copy the following from the "Lawrence Sentinel":

"**THE DOOMED CHIEF; OR, TWO HUNDRED YEARS AGO.**—This is an intensely entertaining novel, fresh from the pen of the author of 'The Green Mountain Boys.' The romance is historical, and its leading incidents are culled from the exciting scenes and adventurous bravery of 'King Philip.' Better material for thrilling narrative could not be found, and the popular author has woven them into story with consummate skill and effect. 'The Doomed Chief' will doubtless content the palm of popularity, as it certainly does of merit, with its elder rival, 'The Green Mountain Boys.' Published by G. G. Evans & Co., No. 43 Cornhill, Boston (proprietors of the original gift-book enterprise)."

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AWFUL CALAMITY IN NEW YORK. A fire broke out on Thursday evening last, in a large tenement house on Elm street, New York city, resulting in the destruction of the building and the death or mortal injury, so far as can be ascertained, of five or twenty persons. The New York Tribune of Friday says:

"One of those immense human packing boxes, called tenement houses, six stories high above the sidewalk, 100 feet deep, and made to live 22 families, took fire, and, before the unfortunate inmates could escape a great many of them were asphyxiated. The building was No. 142 Elm street. The first floor was divided into stores—a baker occupying that on one side, and a greener the other—the entrance to the tenements being between the stores."

A narrow staircase led to the upper part of the building from the street, and another stairway descended from the second story to the yard in the rear. The upper stories were reached by the staircase in the centre of the building—a narrow, ill-lighted and dangerous passage. Each floor was arranged for four families, the doors of the apartments opening up on a narrow hall. There were at the time of the fire nineteen families in the house, exclusive of those who occupied the stores. The back apartments on the sixth story were set apart for washrooms for the use of the various families, and the roof was arranged for drying purposes.

About 7 1/2 o'clock in the evening, a little girl in the bakery, while filling a fluid lamp, set the fluid on fire, and dropping the burning vessel upon the floor, its blazing contents spread over the floor, and communicated with a pile of shavings under the staircase. In an instant the store was enveloped in flames, and almost before the alarm could be sounded, or the people up stairs warned of their terrible danger, the blaze had burst through the stairway, and leaping upward out of their escape."

The flames ran up the stairway, from story to story, with almost incredible swiftness, cutting off the means of escape to the wretched occupants of the building. Those who lived in the lower stories escaped in comparative safety, others perished in the flames. The windows in nearly all of the upper stories were seen to be filled with human beings, imploring those in the street for aid, but no ladders of sufficient length were to be had, and the poor creatures either precipitated themselves to the ground, or fell back to perish by fire. The weather was intensely cold, and those who escaped with their lives and without bodily injury, were turned into the street, destitute of clothing, shelter, or the means to procure them. The building contained 95 inmates, and the number lost and missing started to be 17.

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1st Cong'l. Rev. Mr. Wadsworth
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DREADFUL ACCIDENT IN BROOKLYN.

On Friday morning, 3d inst., about 7 o'clock a boiler exploded in the large hat factory of Ames & Moul- ton, Brooklyn, New York, entirely destroying the building and burying some ten to fifteen workmen in the ruins.

The building was an immense struc- ture, and usually contained about 250 employees, including 100 females. Very few of the operatives were on the premises, the catastrophe having happened before the hour for com- mencing work.

The engine and machinery were en- tirely new, and had just been put up by Messrs. Woodruff and Beach of Hart- ford, and were in charge of Mr. East- man, an engineer in their employ, who was sent on to superintend the putting up and testing of the engine. The engineer was among the killed. Seven were killed instantly and sev- enteen badly hurt, most of whom are not expected to live.

There were about twenty-five em- ployees in the building at the time of the explosion, of whom nine were fe- males.

The explosion is supposed to have been caused by the freezing of the wa- ter in the pumps.

Four girls were found after the ex- plosion, clinging to the rafters of the building, but were rescued with but trifling injury.

The accident occurred about fifteen minutes before 8 o'clock, when the greater part of the operatives were on the way to the factory, to commence their day's work.

The loss on the building is \$12,000 machinery \$10,000, stock \$15,000.

CAPTURE OF AN AMERICAN SLAYER.

WITH A CARGO OF NEGROES.

Capt. Matthews, of the ship Alarm, arrived at this port yesterday, from Calcutta, reports having left at St. Helena, Dec. 27, the American Argus Orion, of New York, Capt. Morgan, which vessel had been captured by the British steamer Pluto, while en- gaged in the slave trade. When the vessel was brought into port, she had on board eight hundred and seventy-one negroes of which number sixty-eight were women, one hundred and twenty-seven girls, two hundred and seventy-five men, three hundred and ninety-five boys, and seven, sex un- known. Before the vessel arrived, one hundred and fifty-two had died, which would make the total number taken on board when she left the coast of Africa, ten hundred and twenty-three. Among those who died were sixty boys, forty men, eight women, twenty five girls, and twenty others, sex un- known.

The slaver, after her arrival at St. Helena, was delivered up to the Unit- ed States steamer Mystic. The Mystic reached that port on the 21st of Dec., from St. Paul de Loando, offi- cers and crew all well. The slaver would probably be sent home for ad- judication.

The captain and first and second officers of the Orion were in prison at St. Helena when the Alarm sailed. They had been delivered into the cus- tody of the U. S. steamer Mystic, and would be brought to this country for trial. The captain of the slaver ap- peared disposed to make a clean breast of the whole affair.

The slaver remained on board the Orion when the Alarm left St. Hele- na.

The Orion is 449 tons and was built at Newcastle, Me., in 1846.

[BOSTON JOURNAL.]

COTTON, COLDS, BRONCHITIS, ASTHMA, COUGHS, WHOOPING COUGHS, DYSSENTERY, THREATS AND LONGB, AND PULMONARY AFFECTIONS of the nearest type, are quickly cured by that long tried and faithful rem- dy.

DR. WHITMAN'S BALSAM OF WILD CHERRY.

Says a well known Editor—"This is truly a Balsam and a blessing to invalids. It contains the pure balsamic principle of Wild Cherry, the balsamic proportion of taraxac of pine its ingredients, which are mingled after the true principle of chemistry, we all balsams, and therefore it is safe and sure in effect—Coughs, Colds, Consumption, and Bronchial troubles disappear under its balsamic influence as though charmed away. Probably no medicine has ever obtained so extended a sale as accomplished to much good as this renowned Balsam."

NORTH WATER, Keweenaw Co., Me., August 16, 1859.

Messrs. S. W. FOWLE & Co.—Gentlemen:— Being desirous to make known the worth of Dr. Whitman's Balsam of Wild Cherry, I am happy to certify that it cured me a few years since of a serious trouble of the Lungs, which had so alarmed my friends that doctors had been consulted of my recovery. I do not hesitate to recommend this medicine as the most valuable preparation known, for all diseases of the Throat and Lungs.

(Signed,) G. L. SMITH.

Prepared by Seth W. Fowle & Co., Boston and for sale by—F. S. Chandler and C. O. M. Mason, Bethel; Pray & Merrill, Bryant's Pond; J. Bartlett, Locke's Mill; D. F. Hayes, Harney; H. F. Bates & Co., Paris; and by deal- ers everywhere.

GOULD'S ACADEMY!

INCORPORATED 1836.

THE SPRING TERM of this institution will commence on the 1st of February. Terms Tuesday in 1860. And continue through Weeks.

N. T. TRUE, A. M., M. D., Principal, Miss OLIVE C. WALKER, Assistant.

The course of instruction will be as thorough as possible, embracing such studies as are taught in the best Academies in New England. Instruction in the Ancient and Modern Lan- guages will receive all that drilling which has been acquired from years of experience in that department.

The Mathematical course is systematized throughout, and well adapted to prepare teach- ers for their calling and young men for busi- ness. We have again the good fortune to secure the services of Miss WALKER, whose ability in this department is well known in this community.

Special classes will be formed for teachers, in Geography, Grammar and Arithmetic, in which they will be thoroughly drilled. These classes for three years past have proved to be ex- ceedingly valuable to teachers.

Young ladies will have had a systematic course in needle work, which will be optional for them to pursue, or to adopt a more limited course.

Parents and guardians are cordially invited to examine into the merits of this Institution. School Agents at a distance, desirous of obtain- ing well qualified teachers for Summer Schools, can be supplied on application to the Principal. Students who are desirous of improvement, and we want no others, will here find all that earnestness of purpose in their behalf on the part of teachers can accomplish. We wish all, if possible, to be present on the first morning of the Term.

The Academy is located in the thriving vil- lage of Bethel Hill, where the student will find good society and incidental privileges.

Good Board in Families, per week, \$2.00 Tuition.—In Higher English, and Latin, age, \$4.00 Common English, \$2.50 Fifty cents will be deducted for those who pay by the quarter.

Books and Stationery may be obtained at the student's price. For further information application may be made to the Principal, Bethel, Feb. 1, 1860.

GROUND PLASTER!

THE subscriber, having started a MILL for grinding

Plaster,

At WEST PARIS STATION,

is prepared to furnish

PURE PLASTER,

at the

Lowest Prices,

in large or small quantities.

SAMUEL H. LOCK

West Paris, Feb. 6, 1860.

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ORDER to make good bread, it is highly im- portant to have good material. Those can be obtained at a place better than at the store of Geo. D. BLAKE, where you will find a large stock, and an excellent assortment of Flour, consisting of Columbia Mill, (the best thing in the market,) Diamond Mills, (the best to be found in Canada,) and various kinds of Extra, two grades of Atlantic, the well-known People's and New Paris Mills, J. C. Coleman & Co., which is offered at wholesale and re- tail at prices that defy competition. Also, all kinds of groceries of the first quality. Please call and see what there is in the world. Perfect satisfaction guaranteed. Bethel, Jan. 21, 1860.

OXFORD, SS.—At a Court of Probate held at Paris, within and for said County of Oxford, on the third Tuesday of January, A. D. 1860.

GILMAN CHAPMAN, Admin- istrator, with Will annexed, on the Estate of Hannah G. Chapman late of Gilead, in said County, deceased, having presented his first account of administra- tion of the Estate of said deceased for al- lowance.

Ordered, That the said Administrator give notice to all persons interested, by causing a copy of this order to be publish- ed three weeks successively in the Bethel Courier printed at Bethel, that they may appear at a Probate Court to be held at Paris in said County, on third Tuesday of March next, at nine of the clock in the forenoon, and show cause, if any they have, why the same should not be allowed.

THOMAS H. BROWN, Judge.

A true Copy attested.

David Knap, Register

Chilblains.

A SURE CURE for this troublesome com- plaint, sent by mail on receipt of 25 cts and one stamp by post paid.

The money will be returned if the remedy does not effect a speedy and permanent cure.

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Parties in attendance to convey Baggage to the house FREE OF CHARGE.

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THE SUBSCRIBER, having pur- chased the stock in trade of the late firm of

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Will sell his present stock of Goods, consisting of

STOVES.

Fire Frames,

CAULDRON KETTLES,

OVEN, ASH & BOILER MOUTHS!

TIN WARE,

AND

Groceries,

Crockery and Glass Ware,

Kerosene Oil and Lamps.

Fluid Lamp, Oil, Lard, Hard Ware,

&c., &c., &c., &c.

At Cost!!

He will sell Cooking Stoves

10 per cent less than they can be Purchased Elsewhere.

PURE JAVA COFFEE!

21 1/2 Cts. per lb.

at 40 cents per lb.

Heavy Sheetings.

Very Cheap.

COOKING STOVES!

from \$16 to \$20.

Oats Wanted,

in exchange for goods or cash at the highest market price

White Oak Axe handles 12 1/2 cts.

Winter Strained Lap Oil 83 cts per gal.

Mr. H. is making large additions to his stock of Goods, and will sell as low as the lowest.

Country Produce wanted in exchange for Goods.

He has in his employ a superior

TIN & SHEET IRON WORKER,

and is prepared to mend all kinds of Tin Ware.

JOB WORK done to order at satisfac- tory prices.

Fluid and Oil Lamps altered to KEROSENE.

Orders from abroad prompt- ly answered.

JOHN HARRIS.

BETHEL, Jan. 3, 1860.

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They have made extensive additions to their buildings, and are now prepared to furnish

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They also keep on hand a supply of

Corn, Rye, Barley, &c.

SHORTS by the ton and at retail.

All of which will be sold at lowest prices.

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ALSO:

800 bbls.

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5000 bushels Oats,

300 bushels White Beans,

10 tons of Pork,

2 tons Butter,

3 tons Dried apple,

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Clover Seed,

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Chickens,

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THIS CERTIFICATE I have given to my son, J. K. A. W. HAN, his time during his minority, to trade and act for himself. I shall claim none of his earnings nor pay any debts of his contracting after this date.

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Witness: J. J. H. HANSEN

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